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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend. What a week we had in school last week with the Key Stage 2 performances of Peter Pan which were absolutely fantastic – once again a huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work and of course a thank you to the children who were superb!

We have another busy week this week with our Sports Day today and tomorrow for EYFS and then on Friday, Year 1 and 2 are having a Design Technology focused trip to Pizza Express in Harrogate! Good luck as well to the Year 6 children who are going for their transition days to Boroughbridge High School on Wednesday to Friday, followed by Thirsk transition week from next Monday.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Jack and Liam who have joined us this week in Reception and Year 3.

Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS: This week we have been continuing our seaside theme by reading the story of the Rainbow Fish, who found it difficult to share his shiny scales. We have talked about being kind to others and how this helps us to be happy. In Maths we have been creating aliens with odd numbers of arms, legs and eyes! In Art we have shaped clay into a tile and pressed shells into it to make a souvenir. We have also been practising different skills for sports day next week.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1/2 we have been continuing our learning on Position and Direction for the Year 2's looking at clockwise and anti-clockwise turning. The Year 1 children have been learning to recognise money in both note and coins. We have started our final piece of artwork in the



style of Vincent Van Gogh and have made our smoothies. In RE this week, we have listened to the story of Jonah and the Whale and discussed the meaning of the story.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have loved performing Peter Pan both to the other children in school and to parents. Our teachers are really proud of us! In English, we have also been busy planning and beginning to write our newspaper reports about Pigeon Impossible and in maths we have started our learning on shape.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been using the computers to create some tessellations in our art lesson. We are using computer aided design to create some tessellations using different colours and patterns whilst thinking about the work of Bridget Riley.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this week's newsletter the July edition of the Online Safety Newsletter for your information.

Staffing update and classes for September

At the end of the school year, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Dixon who is taking a break from education to bring up her young family and support her husband with the growing family business. Mrs Dixon has been a very valued member of staff in EYFS for the last seven years at Dishforth Airfield and we are going to miss her very much.

We have appointed a new full time EYFS teacher for September and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Nicola Hutchinson to the team. Mrs Hutchinson is a very experienced EYFS teacher who has taught in EYFS for ten years in Halifax and has relocated to North Yorkshire with her family. Mrs Hutchinson joined us for our training day on Friday and will be at the Reception parent information session in school on Wednesday morning and she will be in school for both Wednesday 5th and 12th July to get to know the children and meet all EYFS parents.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Edwards and Miss Hunt at the end of term – however, Miss Hunt will be returning under a new role! Miss Hunt is leaving to set up her own Forest School business and I am delighted that Miss Hunt will be coming back to Dishforth Airfield to deliver Forest Schools to the children at different points in the school year.

Mrs Armstrong is increasing her teaching days to work Monday – Thursday and we have appointed an experienced Year 3 / 4 teacher, Mrs Elisabeth Porter, to job share with Mrs Armstrong on a Friday. Mrs Porter joined us for our training day on Friday and she will be in school on Wednesday 12th July for the whole school transition morning so she can get to know the children and meet parents.



Class Structure for the academic year 2023-24

Please see below the staffing structure for the next academic year. The children in school will get the opportunity to spend some time with their class teacher on the transition morning of Wednesday 12th July.

Head Teacher: Mrs Lyon

Deputy Head Teacher and SENCO: Mrs Kestell

EYFS: Mrs Hutchinson

Year 1 and 2: Mrs Kestell (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and Mrs O'Connell (Wednesday)

Year 3 and 4: Mrs Armstrong (Monday – Thursday), Mrs Porter (Friday)

Year 5 and 6: Miss Newton

Sports Day for Early Years (Nursery and Reception) – Tuesday 4th July

EYFS children will have their own Sports Day tomorrow at 1.30pm.

Year 1 and 2 trip to Harrogate – Friday 7th July

Year 1 and 2 children are going to Pizza Express in Harrogate as part of their Design Technology work on Friday. The cost of this trip is £10 – please can parents ensure this has been paid on ParentPay by the end of this week. Thank you.

Swimming – September



School swimming will continue to take place at Thirsk swimming pool. **Year 5 and Year 6 children start on Wednesday 13th September.** Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to

Mrs Lyon. After Christmas children in Years 3 and 4 will go swimming.

The cost of swimming will be **£5.00 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account. School has heavily subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.



Ear-rings in PE

Please can I remind parents of the policy regarding the wearing of ear-rings in PE? Guidance was updated by the Association for PE a number of years ago.

All personal effects should be removed including earrings.

Newly pierced earrings can be removed after a 6-week healing duration. During this period students should be given alternative tasks within physical education such as officiating.

Students unable to remove earrings were previously permitted to make them safe by taping. The guidance on the aforementioned has now changed based on national advice issued by the Association for Physical Education (afPE) 2019. It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.

Teachers/TAs are not permitted to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore, it would be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.

If a child has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to remove their earrings they will not be permitted to take part in the practical aspect of PE lessons for six weeks, after which time they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons. During this six-week period the child will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee or coach where appropriate.

Please be aware that this policy will be followed by school staff and Sport coaches.

If your child is going to have their ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays rather than during term time.

Promotional School Dinner – Friday 21st July

Seaside Special

Flipper Dippers
(v) Veggie Dog
Chips
Peas
Ketchup



Chocolate Ice-Cream Roll and Fruit

Summer Holidays

School breaks up at 2.30pm on Friday 21st July for the summer break.



Summer Holiday Activities

FEAST: Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together

Please see the information below regarding the FEAST programme in North Yorkshire over the summer holidays.

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in.

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what's on!

The FEAST programme is provided by North Yorkshire Together, commissioned by North Yorkshire Council and funded by the Department for Education.

If you have any questions, please contact us at hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk

ParentPay

Breakfast and After school club, school meals and nursery fees are put on Parent Pay at the end of every week. Please can we remind families to check their account on ParentPay and make sure bills are paid as soon as possible.

Reading

All children need to read at home every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

PE

PE Kits are needed on the following days:

EYFS: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1 and 2: Monday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Monday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Thursday and Friday



Parent Away

Please do let your child's class teacher know if a parent is away from home so that we can offer additional support and the children can attend the Parent Away club which is run by Mrs Parker.



Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it when necessary over the summer months – thank you.

School Dinners

The price for dinner is £2.95 per meal (£14.75 per week). The cost for the month of **July** is **£44.25**.

We have been informed by County Caters that due to rising costs there will be a price increase on school dinners for children in Years 3-6 from September. The cost in September will be £3.32

Nursery meals will also increase to £2.10

Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

Bookings for Dandelions Child-care

All bookings must be made by 12pm on a Friday for the following week so that we can ensure we have staffing ratios and food for the children.

Please either telephone the school office or email admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

ParentPay

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is up to date and all outstanding payments are settled promptly.



Reading Challenge Summer 2023



Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! and is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 15th July until Sat 9th Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – look out for flyers with more details which have been sent to schools for children to bring home.

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

Celebration Cup

The cup this week goes to someone who has shown great determination, passion and enthusiasm in their learning. I love the energy that this person brings to the classroom and the joy they get when learning new things (or telling you facts and stories they know)!



They are kind, thoughtful, hard-working, compassionate, caring, helpful ... the list goes on!

Good luck in Year 7, you will have a blast!

Congratulations and well done to

Jack!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week's ribbon goes to someone who has made a real contribution to our discussion times this week. They have come up with lots of imaginative ideas during story time and in the role play area. Well done, Aurora!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is trying super hard with their learning and is being more independent every week! You are a super role model and demonstrate all of our school values. Keep up the hard work. Well done Kemar!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has demonstrated some fantastic maths skills. They have also been a super actor in Peter Pan and they always have a positive attitude to learning too - keep it up! Well done to Samuel!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us all this week. This person has shown courage and bravery in our school production and has proved to herself what she can do even when she feels worried about what's to come. We are so incredibly proud of you and we hope you take this new confidence on with you in the adventures to come! Well done to Hollie-Mae!

Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of commitment and respect.

This person has been nominated because in our Peter Pan performance they were committed to their part and they are very kind and helpful to me.

The values award goes to Harry who was nominated by Jack.

Well done, Harry!



Attendance

Weekly Attendance

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Nationwide research has shown that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have had higher rates of attendance throughout primary school, compared to those with the lowest attainment. The government aims for all pupils to have a minimum of 95% attendance across the school year, and any child with less than 90% attendance is recorded as a persistent absentee. Here is our school's current overview of attendance:

Week commencing 26 th June 2023			
Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	96%	100%	99%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Executive Head Teacher

Diary Dates

July 2023	
3/7/23	Sports Day – morning for children in Years 1-6 (9.45am)
4/7/23	Ripon Fire Brigade – water safety talk EYFS Sports Day in the afternoon 1.30pm Game of Actual Life – Year 5 and 6
5-7 July 23	Boroughbridge High School transition days
7/7/23	Year 1 and 2 trip to Harrogate
10-14 July 23	Thirsk High School transition days
11/7/23	PCSO Liam Bradbury-Monk – stranger danger talks
12/7/23	Whole school transition morning
17/7/23	School Reports home
20/7/23	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – afternoon
21/7/23	Break-up for summer holidays at 2.30pm
September 2023	
4/9/23	TRAINING DAY
5/9/23	School open for the 2023-24 academic year
13/9/23	First swim for Year 5 and 6 children at Thirsk swimming pool



October 2023	
26/10/23	School photograph morning
27/10/23	Break-up October half term
November 2023	
6/11/23	School open
December 2023	
13/12/23	Last swim for Year 5 and 6 children
19/12/23	Year 5 and 6 theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'Oliver!'
22/12/23	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm

Mrs Lyon's working week:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary

